

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT REGION 8

WEEK ENDING MAY 9, 2014

OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEMS PROTECTION AND REMEDIATION

***No items to report.**

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT, COMPLIANCE & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

***No items to report.**

OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS AND REGULATORY ASSISTANCE

This Week –

TWO UTAH FACILITIES HAVE NON-COMPLYING RCRA PERMITS

A recent Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR) memo was issued clarifying that "...hazardous wastes must meet the Land Disposal Restriction (LDR) treatment standards before being placed or put into a landfill." Two Utah State-issued permits, Grassy Mountain and Energy Solutions, are affected by this HQ clarification. We will be scheduling calls with Utah Department of Environmental Quality to discuss all available options and will work with the state to ensure that the facility comes into compliance with the LDR requirements. *Information only; no action required by the RA/DRA.*

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Next Week—

HEARING ON NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S (NRC) OPERATING LICENSE FOR DEWEY BURDOCK – URANIUM ISR SITE

Powertech, Uranium Corporation obtained an operating license from the NRC on April 8, 2014, to commence surface activities related to its proposed uranium in-situ recovery operations at the Dewey Burdock project site in South Dakota. On April 30, 2014, the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) took the unusual step of issuing a temporary stay on the license. The stay was requested by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and other groups alleging that such surface activities could cause harm to cultural and/or historical resources. The ASLB plans to hear oral arguments on May 13, 2014, to determine if the stay should remain in effect until the NRC holds its contested case hearing in August. *Information only; no action required by the RA/DRA.*

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STORMWATER COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

The EPA Wastewater Unit staff recently presented at the North Dakota and Montana State Stormwater Conferences on green infrastructure and approaches to municipal stormwater permitting and provided general training on construction stormwater, industrial stormwater, and municipal treatment systems and approaches. Both conferences were opportunities to promote green infrastructure in Region 8 to help meet the Administrator's priorities for "making a visible difference in communities across the country." In addition, both meetings resulted in agreed upon strategies with each state for strengthening their MS4 permits. A brownbag presentation will be provided on May 14, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. to share the EPA's Green Infrastructure Strategy and to show how the lessons learned from the state conferences can be integrated to leverage environmental outcomes. *Information only; no action required by the RA/DRA.*
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MONTANA OPERATIONS OFFICE

***No items to report.**